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SUBJECT: UNCTAD IV FOLLOW-UP ON COMMODITIES

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1. EEC OBSERVER TO FAO WORKING GROUP ON BANANAS RAISED WITH MEMBER OF U.S. DELEGATION EEC'S STRONG BELIEF THAT DISCUSSION ON BANANA AGREEMENT AFTER UNCTAD IV SHOULD BE HELD UNDER FAO AUSPICES. EEC THINKS POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE OF UNCTAD MEETINGS WOULD BE DEATH BLOW TO ANY AGREEMENT. THIS IS STRONG POSITION OF EEC AND APPLIES TO OTHER FAO INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMODITY GROUPS. U.S. CONFIRMED THIS WAS OUR POSITION ALSO, REFTEL A.

2. LATER EEC REPRESENTATIVE REPEATED THIS POSITION TO A. LEEKS, ACTING DIRECTOR, COMMODITIES AND TRADE DIVISION. LEEKS NOTED ONE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OTHER COUNTRY (U.S., REFTEL B) HAD TAKEN SIMILAR LINE. LEEKS ALSO

REPORTED TO WORKING PARTY ON JULY 7 THE STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH SENIOR UNCTAD REPRESENTATIVES ON JULY 6.

3. FAO AND UNCTAD, ACCORDING TO LEEKS, HAD GOOD, CONSTRUCTIVE DISCUSSION ON COMMODITIES FOR WHICH FAO HAS COMMODITY GROUPS - JUTE, HARD FIBERS, TEA, OILSEEDS, MEAT AND BANANAS. MUCH OF DISCUSSION WAS ON COSTS, SERVICING, ETC. DISCUSSIONS WERE NECESSARILY PRELIMINARY, SINCE DECISIONS CAN ONLY BE MADE BY EXECUTIVE HEADS OF FAO AND UNCTAD. THEN SUCH A DECISION MUST BE SENT TO UNCTAD EXECUTIVE BOARD ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT WHICH WILL MEET NEXT OCTOBER. THIS BOARD IN TURN WILL SET UP A COORDINATING COMMITTEE AND MIGHT MEET BY THE END OF OCTOBER. LEEKS WENT ON TO FORECAST THAT UNCTAD WILL HOLD A MEETING ON EACH CORE COMMODITY DURING MARCH, APRIL AND MAY 1977. THESE MEETINGS WOULD BE MOSTLY TO ASSURE UNCTAD LEADERSHIP AND WOULD REVIEW SITUATION FOR EACH COMMODITY. THEN EXISTING COMMODITY ORGANIZATIONS MIGHT BE ASKED TO CONTINUE TO HANDLE A COMMODITY OR ON THE OTHER HAND UNCTAD MIGHT INSERT ITSELF. LEEKS EMPHASIZED UNCTAD DID NOT WISH TO DUPLICATE EXISTING WORK AND THAT UNCTAD DECISION WOULD BE STRONGLY EFFECTED BY PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN COMMODITY GROUPS AND EXPRESSED DESIRES OF PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS.

4. LEEKS REFERRED TO FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S STATEMENT TO ECO SOC JULY 5 IN ABIDJAN AS SETTING FORTH FAO'S POSITION. THIS PORTION IS QUOTED. QUOTE FINALLY, THE FOURTH SESSION OF UNCTAD HAS PRODUCED ENCOURAGING RESULTS. THESE NEED TO BE COMPLETED, IN PARTICULAR BY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTEGRATED PROGRAM FOR PRODUCTS, OF WHICH A CONSIDERABLE PERCENTAGE ARE OF AGRICULTURAL ORIGIN OR OF USE TO AGRICULTURE. I AM VERY HAPPY TO ASSURE THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD, AS I HAVE ALREADY DONE A NAIROBI, OF FAO'S WILLINGNESS TO WORK IN CLOSE COLLABORATION WITH HIM IN ORDER TO PAVE THE WAY FOR NEW AGREEMENTS. END QUOTE.

5. UNCTAD REPRESENTATIVE TO BANANA GROUP DID NOT TOUCH UPON LOCUS OR SCHEDULE FOR CONSIDERATION OF BANANAS UNDER UNCTAD IV COMMODITY RESOLUTION. IN PRIVATE HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THIS ISSUE IS UNDER DISCUSSION AND NO DECISIONS HAD BEEN REACHED. VOLPE

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